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Induction of Pledges By Hill Fraternities Held Last Weekend

All of the Hill fraternities, except Sigma Phi, held their inductions of pledge brothers last weekend. The ceremonies were held on Friday and Saturday, and saw almost one hundred men inducted. Many alumni returned to the college for the event, some playing in undergraduate-alumni athletic contests. The Hamilton chapter of Sigma Phi will hold its induction ceremony within the coming fortnight.

Dances are planned by most of the crowds for the near future. The DU's, Emersonians, and Lambda Chis are holding dances on Saturday night. The Sigs, Alpha Delts, Chi Psis, Theta Delts, and Dekes are considering the evening of Saturday, the 27th. The Psi U's and Tekes have as yet planned no dances.

The following men were inducted last week-end.

Alpha Delta Phi: Henry Eagle Jr., Port Washington; Farley G. Fish, Union Springs; F. Hamilton Gouge, Philipse Manor; Frederick J. McNally, Evanston, Ill.; David H. Roberts 2nd, Utica; John H. Giffin, Watertown, Conn.; George E. Reed, Lowville; J. Stuart Russell, Larchmont; Gordon C. Sammis, Huntington; Henry B. Sansan, South Orange, N. J.; George S. Thompson, North Hoosick; Bruce C. Sisson, Old Greenwich, Conn.; Wesley D. Sprague, Rome.

Psi Upsilon: Elbert S Bohlin, Kenmore; Boris H. Klosson, Kenmore; Robert M. Langdon, Lyndonville; Thomas H. Leavenworth, New York; W. Jonathan Miller, Jr., Cranford, N. J.; David G. Moses, Geneseo; Walter F. Rogers Jr., Syracuse; Arthur S Thompson, Albany; David R. Tomlinson, Watervliet; Edward J. Wynkoop, Syracuse.

Chi Psi: Arja P. Alair, Scranton, Pa.; Keith T. Barden, Penn Yan; Francis C. Beakes, Hackensack, N. J.; George N. Lenci,, Summit, N. J.; Lewis B. Rock Jr., Dayton, Ohio; Hugh M. Curran, Santa Barbara, Calif.; Frand D. Littell, Brooklyn; Frank W. Merritt, Saranac Lake; all of 1939; Joseph J. Cardamone Jr., New Hartford; Blair Meserve, Albany; Robert Merriman, Bristol, Conn.

Delta Kappa Epsilon: Roger W. Ach, Cincinnati, Ohio; George L. Barton, III, Niagara Falls; Alfred M. Cady Jr., Syracuse; Robert W. Forbush, Rochester; Harrie B. Price, III, Chestnut Hill, Pa.; Murray H. Gardner, Watertown.

Theta Delta Chi: William J. Amberg, Waterbury, Conn.; E. Berner Clarke, Buffalo; Norman W. Getman Jr., Oneonta; Stephen Kelley, Ho-Ho-Kus, N. J.; F. Bartlett Nesbitt, Scarsdale; Mansfield E. Pickett, Pine Orchard, Conn.; John A. L. Thomas, Cynwyd, Pa.; Robert R. Tupper, Buffalo; Peter B. Vanderwaart, Palmerton, Pa.

Emerson Literary Society: Richard H. Farrell, Sherrill; Robert H. Rivett, Old Forge; both of 1939; George H. Day, Philadelphia, Pa.; Richard F. Griffith, Utica; Ralph E. Hansmann, Utica; Arthur J. Harder, Kingston; Edwin C. W. Hoffman, Utica; Harry J. Kolb, Kenmore; George R. Puckhafer, New York; S. Demarest Rumsey, Jr., Ridgewood, N. J.; John H. Smith, Newburg; Wilson W. Mark, Batavia.

Lambda Chi Alpha: Stanley H. Jones Jr., Port Dickinson; Charles D. Keane, Binghamton; Richard D. Knapp, Endicott; Richard C. Missbach, Upper Montclair, N. J.

Tau Kappa Epsilon: H. Van Y. Caldwell Jr., Shaker Heights, Ohio; George Phair, Lindhurst, N. J.; James H. Wilson, Larchmont.

All of these men are of the class of 1940, unless otherwise designated.

STUDENT CONDUCTS CHAPEL EXERCISES

The administration began a new chapel policy last week when a student from one of the higher ethics classes conducted the morning chapel services. Ralph T. Haas '37 was the first to lead one of these student-conducted chapels.

Alumni Topple Before Hill Pucksters

Although composed of a group of stars famous in Hamilton's hockey annals, the alumni hockey team went down to defeat before a victory-seeking varsity team by a score of 3 to 1 last Saturday night before one of the largest crowds of the season. Paced by Carl Ferry and Russ Thompson and with Fran Baker, Olympic goalie guarding the cage, the alumni put a strong team on the ice and fought valiantly to stop Captain Bud Materne and his mates, but once more superior condition told and after the first period they never threatened to win the game. In the last period Russ Thompson slipped one by Gar Laux for the alumni's only tally.

The best hockey of the evening was seen in the first period when the match was quite even until a shot from Materne's stick got by Baker. The varsity first line, composed of Materne, Hayes and Pooley, worked well together but found plenty of competition in the alumni line of McKenzie, Ferry and Thompson. As the game went on, the poor ice and pools of water which defied teamwork and accurate shooting, dampened the spirit of the contest and although the alumni refused to allow any of the freshmen to substitute for them, they were unable to prevent Materne from garnering another goal in the second period and then to make it three for the night with another one in the third period.

Desperate at being held scoreless, the alumni took out Baker in the last period and formed a six man attack. This netted them their single score and they went home satisfied at not being whitewashed. By the end of the game three lines had seen action for the varsity and Jones had been

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Court Squad Splits Two Contests

A second half attack enabled Union College to gain a 41-34 triumph over Hamilton last Friday night. The Garnet victory followed a Hamilton win over Hobart the night previous by a 42-30 score.

Both games proved to be of the finest calibre basketball witnessed this year by Hamilton fans. The Continentals in defeat played good ball and were by no means outclassed by their Union rivals.

The Hobart game was featured by the good defensive play of the Hill boys who used a zone defense against the Geneva lads and held them down to two field goals throughout the first half. Meanwhile, led by Gene Sullivan, Hamilton jumped into a 10-1 lead and increased their advantage to 20-8 as the first half ended.

The next half found a rejuvenated Hobart aggregation on the floor and they proceeded to liven up the game by sinking several long shots and pulling closer to Hamilton. But the Buff and Blue quintet found their shooting eye again and soon drew away from danger. With a safe lead assured Coach Weber inserted his second team during the last five minutes.

The Union contest was a nip-and-tuck battle throughout. The Continentals fought their way to an early lead in the initial frame and held to a slight margin until the end of the half. With their zone defense again functioning perfectly, the Hill lads kept the Union scoring aces, Captain Podbielski and Wiberly, center, away from the basket during the initial frame.

In the last period, however, Podbielski solved the Hill defense by popping long shots from the center and sides of the floor. Meanwhile the Hamilton offensive was checked through the loss of Sully Sullivan, the high-scorer of the Hobart game, on personal fouls.

Myron Carmer, scrappy heavyweight on the Hill five, kept Hamilton close with his accurate shots, often scoring on a long dribble down the court from his own basket. Captain Eddie Gillette was the outstanding defensive player on the floor, enjoying a field day of

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Book Bargains For Bibliophiles

The College Library at the present time has a number of books for sale, according to an announcement by Dr. Lewis Stieg, Librarian.

Every few years duplicate copies of all kinds of books, mostly gifts to the library, are put on sale at a small fraction of the original cost.

Books on sale at this time include some textbooks, quite a few foreign dictionaries, and numerous other volumes of interest to those who may be collecting books, at prices from twenty-five cents up.

Any person interested may see these books at the office of the Librarian in the Library during the daytime.

Fencing Team Loses Meet With Cornell

Last Saturday afternoon the Hamilton fencers went down to defeat before a veteran Cornell squad by the score of 21-6. Due to the cancellation of a previously scheduled meet with Colgate this was the first meet for the Hamilton men, and their lack of experience was evidenced by the overwhelming score. The match was held in the fencing rooms in the Cornell Armory.

Fred Nichols led the Hamilton scorers for the afternoon, winning two of his three epee bouts. All the other Hamilton fencers to score were single winners. Cantor and DeLalla each contributed one point in the foils division, and these points plus those added by Branch and Dwyer in the epee, completed the Hill's scoring.

For Cornell, Captain MacBeth in the epee, ably assisted by Steyer in foils and all three of the sabermen, led his men to victory. In the saber Cornell made a clean sweep, but this was due in large extent to a different style of attack used by their sabermen.

Loss of last year's men, especially Dale in foils and Johnson in saber, has been greatly felt by the team, and in addition to this there is a lack of general experience. At the present there are only three veterans from last year's team, one man in each weapon.

Next Saturday, February 20, the representatives of the Buff and Blue will travel down to Union where they will engage the Union fencers in a match on their home grounds. After this week's hard drilling and the little experience already had, it is expected that the Hamilton team will give a better account of itself against Union.

Union Yields Hill Icemen First Win

Playing clever, flashy hockey the Hamilton pucksters turned in their first victory of the season last Wednesday evening, in defeating Union College by a score of 1-0. The Buff and Blue's single goal came in the first six minutes of the first period, when Roy Wilcox, stellar defense man, pushed one past Goalie Borden to put Hamilton ahead. The score came from a rebound off Borden's stick, after Jackson had whizzed the puck at him in 5:54. For the rest of the evening Borden was invincible, but thanks to Laux's work in the Hamilton cage the one goal margin proved sufficient for victory.

The game was close and evenly contested throughout, and the spectators were treated to a fine exhibition of fast, well-played hockey. The Hamilton pucksters flashed a brand of hockey much improved over that of their first several starts. During the last five minutes most of the play was on Hamilton ice, as the Garnet put on a last desperate effort to lock the count. Several spectacular saves by Laux, however, kept the Continentals unscored upon. Laux was credited with 41 saves in the game, and Borden with 42. Paul, Union center, proved to be a particular nuisance to the Hamilton pucksters. For Hamilton there were no outstanding stars, although credit must be given to defensemen Hole and Wilcox, both of whom played the entire game. Only three spares were used by the Buff and Blue, while their opponents used six players.

The lineups.

Hamilton		Union
Laux	G	Borden
Hole	RD	Hawley
Wilcox	LD	Clay
Materne	C	Paul
Pooley	RW	Orton
Hayes	LW	Bord

Spares—Hamilton: Jackson, McGinn, Vicary. Union: Achilles, Shepard, Vanderbilt, Thompson, Bleymiller, Thompkins.

Scoring—First period, Wilcox, 5:54.

Penalties—First period, Hole; second period, Jackson, Orton; third period, Paul.

Senator Root Leaves $200,000 to College For Endowment Fund

The will of Elihu Root, international statesman and lawyer, and former cabinet officer, filed in New York on Saturday, February 13, 1937, revealed that he has left a bequest of $200,000 for the endowment fund of Hamilton College, his alma mater whom he had served so long and faithfully as Chairman of its Board of Trustees and guiding, protecting genius of its campus and traditions.

Commenting upon the bequest, President Frederick Carlos Ferry said: "For many years Mr. Root has been one of the most faithful of contributors to all the needs of Hamilton College. It is in keeping with his love for this institution that he should make this further and generous gift at his death. His contribution of sound wisdom has been of so great worth as to overshadow his constant stream of gifts of money. This latest donation will add materially to the endowment of the college and contribute much toward the ends which he valued."

The will also left $100,000 in trust to the executors, the income from which is to be used to maintain "Wild Garden" left to Mr. Root by his parents. "Wild Garden" is one of the most pleasant of walks about the college and its environs, and Hamilton and its students will benefit from Mr. Root's having thought of its lovely meadows and woodland. This trust is terminable upon the death of the survivor of Mr. Root's two grandchildren, Julia Grant and John Buttrick Root, or it may be terminated at any time before that event by the owners of the property at that time.

Besides numerous bequests to relatives, friends, and faithful employees, Mr. Root left $5,000 each for the endowment funds of Beta Chapter of Sigma Phi Society at the college; the Kirkland Town Library Association; the Presbyterian Church at Clinton; and $1,000 to the Oneida Historical Society.

Preacher Speaks On Practical Christianity

One of the most common and dangerous heresies today, said Rev. Earl L. Douglass, D.D., in last Sunday's chapel service, is the belief that Christianity is acceptable and praiseworthy in theory, but that it cannot be put into practice in everyday life. There are too many, he said, who feel that religion is impractical in real experience, although excellent in theory. In reality, conviction alone is not sufficient. Our beliefs must be transmuted into righteous living and Christian action, if we will be true Christians.

Taking his text from the ninth chapter of Luke, Dr. Douglas read the words of Christ: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." We must, therefore, first learn self-discipline, and how to say no to our desires. We must, too, be willing to carry the crosses of our daily life, and to resist the temptations that come our way. The obstacles that confront us, be they "acute" or "chronic", we must meet willingly and without bitterness; we should be able to bear cheerfully our little crosses, when Christ was able to bear without complaint His big cross. Then too, we must follow Christ in whatever path we take, and whatever our occupation or position in life may be. Only He is able to lead us rightly.

Dr. Douglas concluded by saying that "There can be no real freedom without submission; and there can be no happiness unless we are carrying some burden for Him." Unless our actions are limited by obedience to religious principles, we will soon find that we have no real freedom, but instead are chained down by our own attempts to remain free and unrestricted.

College Is Given Miller Set of Napoleonic Relics

By Frank W. Merritt

Hamilton College, which has in the past been very fortunate in obtaining through bequests a number of large and valuable classical and scientific collections, has once again been fortunate in having been given by Mrs. Mary L. Miller, widow of Roswell Miller '69, an important and valuable collection of Napoleonic items. This collection of sixty-four items includes besides a large number of books, first editions and memoirs, some of which are from the library of Sir Robert Peel, a letter written and signed by Napoleon, a copy of the statue, Last Days of Napoleon, by Vela, and a death mask of the Emperor.

The letter and the death mask, because of their intimate personal connection with Napoleon, have an especial appeal. The letter bears the letter-head of the "Republique Francaise" and the motto "Liberte, Egalite" along with the personal heading "Bonaparte, General en Chef de L'Armee d'Italie." It is a request to the Chief of Ordnance for additional horses and ammunition for the campaign, and is annotated in the upper right hand corner by that officer. Napoleon at the time was in the midst of his victorious campaign in northern Italy under the patronage of the Directory. He was the idol of all France and only the Egyptian Campaign stood between him and his famous "coup d'etat."

The Napoleon of the death mask, which is a bronze casting taken directly from a wax impression of the Emperor's face in death, is a gaunt, defeated Napoleon. The cheeks are hollow, the aquiline nose is pinched, the lips are thin. A crown of golden laurel leaves, added no doubt by the mask-maker, circles the small skull which dreamed such vast dreams of power and spilt so much blood to make them real. The mask is one of a very small number now extant.

Vela's statue, the copy of which is in bronze mounted on a mahogany pedestal, shows Napoleon seated in a cushioned chair, a pillow under his feet, a blanket wrapped about the lower half of his body, and a map of Europe spread out in his lap. He broods over departed glories; perhaps new plans to recoup his fallen fortunes are revolving behind that lowering brow. His eyes stare fiercely, but his body is too delicate to maintain the mad heat within.

The collection is the work of Roswell Miller '69. The story of Mr. Miller's life might come from a volume of Horatio Alger. He was born in Hartford, Pennsylvania, on October 28, 1843, one of fourteen children of a poor, Presbyterian minister. At one time he worked in a drug-store for five dollars a month. He became a soldier, was employed by General Burnside in railroad construction work, and from that time on railroads and railroading became his life-work. With James J. Hill he transferred the wilderness of the northwest into fertile farms.

He rose up through the ranks until he became President of the Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad. Under Mr. Miller the Puget Sound extension to the Pacific Coast was completed, giving Chicago a direct connection, 2,600 miles long, with the coast. Under the wise leadership of Mr. Miller the company developed rapidly and enjoyed great prosperity. Mr. Miller died in New York City, January 2, 1913.

Portions of his collection are now on exhibition in the library in the hall upstairs and in the case in the front of the reading room.

Faculty Changes For Second Term

The second semester, so recently opened, has seen three changes in the faculty. Professor Robert Barnes Rudd has returned from Europe to resume his classes, while Instructor Thomas McNaughton Johnston has departed for further study at Duke University and Assistant Professor John Moore has left for Columbia University.

Professor Rudd, receiving a leave of absence, sailed from New York last August. He went first to the South of France where he settled his family in the town of Pau. Professor Rudd went to England then and spent several months at the British Museum in London. The last eight weeks of his stay in Europe were spent with his family in France and then he sailed for America. He returned to College Hill, much refreshed, ready for the new semester, and has resumed his classes in English Literature.

Mr. Johnston, who taught the freshman and sophomore English composition courses the first semester, has received leave of absence to permit his further study at Duke University. Mr. Moore, professor of Ethics, is doing graduate work in Columbia University during this semester.

Professor Ramsdell has come from the University of Michigan, where he taught English Literature, to replace Mr. Moore, and he will take over the classes in Ethics. Mr. Sloane who taught English Literature last semester will divide the English Composition duties with Mr. Robert Waddell.

Old "Half-Century Letters" Record Undergraduate Life

By Alan B. McMillen

Times have changed since Hamilton College enrolled its first class back in 1812, and we are fortunate in having a complete record of these changes in the collection of Half-Century Letters preserved in the library. Hamilton is unique among colleges in that every year since 1862, the year of our fiftieth anniversary, some member of the class holding its fiftieth reunion has recorded, in letter form, his reminiscences of his undergraduate days. The first two or three letters in the collection are particularly interesting, because they contain references to undergraduate life that are in startling contrast with our activities today.

Very often we can be heard grumbling about getting up three times a week for eight o'clock chapel, but what would happen if we had to follow the schedule that Dr. Backup, the first president of the college, maintained? Every morning of the week he, the three other members of the faculty, and twenty-odd men who comprised the whole student body in 1812, got up at 5:30 a. m., in order to meet for chapel exercises at six. After the prayers had been said there was a short recitation period until seven, the study periods, and other recitations at eleven a. m., and four in the afternoon. There were no Sunday chapel cuts, and if a student was absent from prayer meeting on the Sabbath he had to answer for it before the whole college body on the following Sunday. The first chapel bell was so small that it could scarcely be heard outdoors, much less within the buildings, so the excuse of not hearing the bell was the one most often offered. Strangely enough, Dr. Backus almost always accepted this plea, saying that "The bell was no better than a fur cap, with a lamb's tail for a clapper!"

Tuition nowadays runs into the hundreds of dollars at every college, but the original tuition at Hamilton was twelve dollars a term, and other expenses were correspondingly low. Board at Commons was listed at $1.50 a week, and all other expenses were estimated at coming to about fifty dollars a term! The physical sciences were almost unknown in America in 1812, and the curriculum, with the exception of a few startling chemistry experiments, consisted of the study of Latin, Greek and mathematics, with a course in rhetoric added during the senior year. Nor was the campus anything like the orderly system of quadrangles we have today. In one of the letters we are told that the campus was a level clearing on the side of the Hill, several acres in extent, liberally dotted with tree stumps and surrounded by a picket fence. In the middle of this tract stood a low wooden building known as "the College," in which all exercises took place. The only other buildings on the campus proper were the president's house and the stone Hall of Commons.

Apparently the only relaxation offered the students at this time was "light reading," which, when indulged in to excess was considered a deplorable waste of time and an evidence of lazinss. There were two taverns between the campus and the village, but they were visited only by the less desirable element among the undergraduates. College life has indeed changed. We are fortunate in having such an interesting and personal record of these changes as that contained in the Half-Century letters.

Quintet Meets Yellowjackets Wednesday

After completing a strenuous stretch of three games in three days, the Hamilton basketball quintet will play Rochester in their next game tomorrow. The game, previously scheduled for that evening, will probably be played at five o'clock due to the hockey game to be played with Colgate that same night.

The Yellowjackets bring to the Hill an experienced, tall team. They boast two men over six feet tall, in Bud Spies, accurate shooting forward, and Mee, tall sophomore center. Spies has led the Yellowjackets in each one of their victories up to the previous date. He is outstanding as a shot and aids his teammates in setting up plays. Captain Whitey Anderson, guard, also is known to be a good shot and an excellent defensive player. Bobby Babcock, the other guard, is well known to Hamilton men particularly after his field day against the Continental football team last fall. He is a speedy, spectacular player. The other forward position is divided between Mason, a fine floor man, and Wes VanGraflan, also a varsity ball pitcher.

The Yellowjackets have defeated Oberlin, Alleghany and Buffalo thus far this season. They have been defeated by Union.

The Hamilton varsity five were given a rest Monday night in preparation for the Rochester game, but the squad was out Tuesday.

By comparative scores Hamilton and Rochester rate about even. Hamilton's defeat by Union was by practically the same score as was Rochester's. The Yellowjackets have it over the Continentals in height but that means nothing to the Hamiltonians who proved it by their success against Hobart's tall team.

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AN ANONYMOUS LETTER

Editor's note: The following bit of subversive literature was recently thrust under the editor's door, with a request that it be published in the editorial columns of LIFE. Because this paper has always claimed to be a mirror of student opinion, we feel that it deserves publication. We remain silent upon the validity of its criticisms.

"Many, many pots of printers ink have been impressed upon the pages of Hamilton publications concerning the ever-present problem of 'extra-curricular activities' at this font of wisdom—so many in fact, that any restatement of this question would seem merely a tiresome and unnecessary journey through oft-traveled territory. Repetition of grievances, however, is the reformer's only weapon—and there certainly is a need for reform.

"All of us have heard time and again that college is something more than simply going to classes, doing assignments, and taking examinations. But after a couple of years at Hamilton, one is tempted to doubt this statement, and to believe that 'higher education' is no more than learning a certain number of supposed facts, writing them down in little blue books, and then promptly forgetting them. This is, as the college catalogue rather smugly puts it, 'preserving the earlier college ideals.' Fine! Long may they be preserved—in formaldehyde! Hamilton has always prided herself as being the valiant ,and now almost lone champion, of the good old traditions of the past. Let other institutions take up these newfangled, scatter-brained ideas, but she would remain ever staunch and ever true, jealously guarding her ancestral heritage from the uncouth barbarians that attempt to pillage and defile her sacred temples. This is all very admirable, but also a trifle enervating. The musty odor of dry rot can be detected by impious nostrils.

"But this is more or less beside the point. What we started out to say was that some of the elements that go to make a well-rounded education seem to be lacking at Hamilton. Whose fault this is, is difficult to say. But it can be said that athletics, dramatics, publications, debating—our so-called extra-curricular activities—are slowly but surely dying on their feet, afflicted by an all-pervading apathy. Many editorials have been written, asking in stentorian tones why our football teams can't win more games. The obvious answer is—nobody gives a d—n whether we win or not. As for dramatics we will admit that the Charlatans did a very creditable job with their recent production, but we are forced to recognize the oft-voiced complaint that this organization is a closed corporation operating exclusively for the benefit of a select few. There is no doubt that the cast which appears practically unchanged in each of their unfrequent plays is very talented, but it does seem that there must be some other men in college who have a smattering of dramatic ability which they should be given a chance to exercise. That our publications (LIFE included) are inferior to what should be expected in a college with Hamilton's intellectual standards, can't be denied. It has become impossible to secure audiences for debates at the college that was formerly called 'the home of oratory.' Our debators are forced to scour the countryside for Rotary Clubs and Parent-Teachers Associations in order to have anybody to talk to!

"What is the cause of this truly deplorable situation? Other colleges have winning football teams, and put on more than one play a year. You say it is lack of interest on the part of the student body. Granted. But why are we all so blase? Simply because the very spirit of the college engenders such an attitude. We are told that the 'mastery of subjects of approved disciplinary and cultural value is a means of giving students a broad and liberal training for life.' Anything other than these approved subjects is a superfluity—perhaps to be tolerated, but never to be encouraged Things extra-curricular are frowned upon as distractions which lure us away from the classics and dissipate our energies on trivialities. Whether such a view is sound or not is not for us to say—and if we don't like it I suppose we can go somewhere else. When one tries to reform Hamilton College he will soon discover that he is batting his head against a stone wall—and many heads must be cracked before the wall will budge an inch."

LIFE'S EDITORIAL POLICY

There have come to the somnolent ears of this writer vague rumblings and grumblings about the editorial policy of LIFE, culminated, of course, in the above scathing attack on everything Hamiltonian. We must admit at the outset that LIFE is not all that it might be.

The student body complains that it is growing weary of the same cut and dried stuff week after week, and that this sheet has no more vitality than a limp dish-rag. Indignant alumni recall the days when LIFE had a definite editorial policy, and was a force to be reckoned with on the campus, the good old days when LIFE was real, LIFE was earnest, LIFE was more than empty steam. Even the faculty has seen fit to criticize the syntax and grammar of this page in its freshman comp courses.

That LIFE has not adhered to any single policy, that it has often been weak and vacillating, cannot be denied. Perhaps with alarm, the editors have viewed an increasing indifference on the part of the student body towards LIFE, and an increasing reluctance to part annually with $2.50 for a sheet whose only worthwhile feature is the *Collegiate Digest*, with its pictures of Rollins College co-eds in bathing suits.

Upperclassmen may recall with grim satisfaction the part that LIFE played in obtaining a dean's list, or in the anti-chapel crusade of several years ago. Today, however, there has seemed to be nothing to crusade against, and LIFE has lapsed into the pleasantly lethargic state that has at last been noticed by the student body.

We find ourselves saying, as these columns inevitably do, that "something ought to be done." We would suggest that the lack of material for crusades may be more apparent than real. Although we do not subscribe to many oft-voiced criticisms of our Alma Mater, we do feel that certain conditions could be improved and that it is the duty of LIFE to see that the things that 'ought to be one', are done. Many critics of Hamilton there are, and many are the criticisms they set forth. Of the innumerable suggestions proposed, certain ones are really deserving of action. It is for LIFE to select the best of these suggestions and emphasize them until significant action is taken. Only thus can this paper ever regain its former enviable place in the sun.

SOMETHING NEW

Last week those sleepy students who managed to make chapel were awakened to a mild interest in proceedings when an undergraduate was seen to walk to the pulpit and conduct the service.

The idea, whosever it was, is a good one. A sagacious mixture of chapel leaders should be at least a slight bit more stimulating to minds so drugged by the Brother of Death that any sort of religious service seems like unadulterated Puseyism.

Alumni Notes

By Professor Edward Fitch

Benjamin W. Moore '00, a native of Clinton and former judge of Children's Court in Yonkers, was elected president of the Westchester Bar Association at the annual meeting held in White Plains on February 5.

Rev. Junius J. Cowles '75, who had been for 23 years pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Amenia, N. Y., having retired from active service in 1928, died in Newburgh, Ind., January 14. He was a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity.

Word has only recently been received of the death of Hudson P. Lavenworth '86, on November 2, 1936, in San Diego, Calif., as the result of a street accident. He was for many years a superintendent of schools. He was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity.

George R. Marvin '01 died at his home, Wellesley Hills, Mass., January 18. For many years he was connected with the printing business, T. R. Marvin and Son, established by his grandfather in 1823. He was a member of the Sigma Phi fraternity.

Charles E. Rynd, M.D., 0'7, long prominent in the practice of medicine in Brooklyn, died January 12. For the past ten years he had been director of the gynecological and obstetrical division of the Kings County Hospital. He was a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity.

Oscar W. Kuolt '07, secretary of the Rochester Council of Social Agencies, has just completed a course of six public lectures in Utica. Mr. Kuolt, who was formerly superintendent of schools in Schenectady, has been engaged in social work in Rochester for the past fifteen years.

Announcement has been made of the birth of a daughter, Catharine Dix Wilder, on January 31, to Professor and Mrs. Amos N. Wilder of Newton Centre, Mass. Professor Wilder was a member of the college faculty from 1930 to 1933.

James Kenneth Morrow '19, who holds an executive position with the Bell Telephone Company in Louisville, Ky., was on constant duty during the flood peril. His home w,hich was on higher ground, was unaffected by the flood disaster.

H. Theodric Westbrook '22, instructor in classics in Columbia University, has been named by Dean Hawkes as a member of a standing committee to draw up a plan of study for Columbia's new humanities course, covering literature and philosophy.

Frederick W. Fuess, Jr., '24, who has practiced law in Syracuse since his admission to the bar in 1927, became on January first a member of the firm of Higbee and Fuess.

Frederick S. Marquardt '27, for the past year on the staff of the Canton, Ohio, Repository, called on College Hill friends last week on his way to New York, where he will sail for Manila. He has been appointed assistant editor of the Philippines Free Press, the paper with which he was earlier connected.

William J. Foley '29 has entered a law partnership in Utica with J. Theodore Cross, son of the late Theodore L. Cross '81. The firm succeeds Cross and Cross, and has the same office. Mr. Foley was graduated from the Albany Law School and has taken an active part in public affairs, having been in 1935 the Democratic candidate for state senator.

Stanley B. Palewski '32, an attorney of Utica, and a graduate of the Albany Lw School, has been named by Attorney General Bennett as Deputy Attorney General for the Division of Agriculture and Markets.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Waite Hicks of Granville, N. Y., have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Ida Josephine, to Frank Little Cowles, Jr., '34, on February 20.

President Entertains

President and Mrs. Frederick C. Ferry entertained the freshmen and juniors of the neutral body at a buffet supper served at the executive home Sunday evening.

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Hill Choir to Be On Vallee's Hour

According to a recent announcement by Wallace B. Johnson, the Hamilton College Choir has really broken into the big-time circuit of radio entertainment. On the evening of Thursday, March 11, at eight o'clock, the choir will be heard over station WEAF, New York, and the National Broadcasting Company hookup, for at that time the golden-voiced Rudy Vallee is featuring the group on his famed "Variety Hour". This very desirable engagement was secured for the choir through Loyd Dunning '36, who is connected with a New York advertising firm.

Following its performance on Thursday night, the choir will go to Darien, Connecticut, to present another concert. On Sunday afternoon, March 13, they will be back in New York again to sing in the Jade Room of the Waldorf-Astoria. This spring's metropolitan engagement of the choir thus promises to be one of the most extended that has been offered up to this time.

CHANGES ANNOUNCED IN CHAPEL SPEAKERS

Two changes in the schedule of chapel preachers have been announced by the college recently. The first occurs on March 7 when Dr. William Chalmers Cobert of Philadelphia, Penn., formerly actively connected with the Presbyterian Board, will preach. Dr. Cobert replaces Dr. Scherer who is unable to be present.

Rev. Dr. Aoms N. Wilder, for three years professor of Ethics and Christian Evidences with the Hamilton College faculty and at present a teacher at Andover School, Center, Mass. will return to the Hill campus to preach Sunday March 21. Dr. Wilder will replace Rev. Carroll Perry of Ipswich, Mass., scheduled to preach but who will be unable to return.

Dr. Wilder was granted the degree of Doctor of Divinity when he left the Hamilton faculty in 1933.

The Rev. Earl L. Douglass, D. D., chapel preacher last Sunday, is better known to College Hill residents as a columnist. His column, "Strength for the Day" appears nightly on the editorial page of the Utica Observer-Dispatch.

INTERCLASS HOCKEY GAMES ARE PLAYED

Hockey conditions last week were rather poor in Sage building, with the result that only two games were played. In the first game a highly touted freshman team rode over the seniors, completely outplaying them, but scoring only two goals through heroic efforts of the junior goalie who filled in. The final score was 2-1 with Gus Weiners scoring the senior's goal, and Gardner and Nichols chalking up the markers for the yearlings. Rinas, Ruhle and Wager also played well for the upperclassmen.

The other game saw the sophomores and juniors play three scoreless periods and then emerge from the overtime with the score still 0-0. Both teams made fighting forays on the opponents' goal, but great defensive work by both teams, and perhaps lack of practice, saw the final score end up without a puck entering either cage. Guhse, Hallock and Kelsey were outstanding for the juniors and Kempf, Gould and Underwood starred for the sophomores.

POLI SCI CLUB PLANS AMBITIOUS PROGRAM

The Political Science Club has announced a rather ambitious program for the next two months. This coming week-end a Peace Institute is being held at Rochester, and a Hamilton delegation will undoubtedly attend. Each man will present a paper on some aspect of peace. On April 30, the model League of Nations Spring Council will meet at Union College to continue the discussion begun at Syracuse this winter. At least four Hamilton men will be chosen to represent the college.

Union College has proposed that joint meetings of Union and Hamilton Political Science Clubs be instituted. These conferences are planned to last one day, their purpose being to provide opportunity for exchange of opinion on current topics, as for instance, at present the President's plan to inject new life into the Supreme Court. As yet, no action has been taken upon the proposal.

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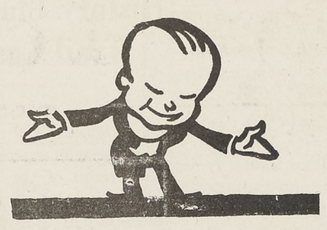

Eddie North Main, the demon reporter, alias Grantland Rice, with the assistance of Western Union, played Cupid for lonely hearts on the Hill last Sunday. At the trivial expense of two bits, Eddie sent all messages of endearment to their appointed destinations. The sentimental lovers had a full page of inspired verses to select from. According to Cupid, No. 216 was especially popular among Hamilton undergraduates. It read: "Cupid's wings are not so fast; I'd rather send a wire. Then I'm sure my Valentine will set your heart on fire." No. 212 was not far behind as second choice, "Oh! Sweetheart Mine with ways divine, won't you be my Valentine." The message, we understand, that Eddie selected for his own true love was greeting No. 205. "You've put my heart in such a flutter, I wire the love my lips would utter.". Perhaps, we should not reveal such intimate secrets, but Bob Lewis, the giant of the freshman class, sent little Shirley, uncrowned sweetheart of North, the beautiful message prosaically labeled No. 204, "If you were seven and I were nine, I'd say please be my Valentine." Lew Greenbaum wanted to wire to New York the first stanza of "Pennies from Heaven," but when Eddie objected, he sent message No. 100678, "Be My Valentine Again, Courtesy of Edward North Main."

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Of all the battle-scarred, or should we say battle-scared, heroes of Hell Week, we believe the proudest one of all should be the D.U. freshman who was ordered to procure a cat which was, as our Victorian ancestors would delicately express it, in the family way. He succeeded in his quest, hence Sir Stork is now being anxiously awaited at the D.U. House.

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Headlines from New York Times:

VASSAR GIRLS TO HEAR
LECTURES ON MARRIAGE

This is an excellent idea which Hamilton might well imitate. Certainly marriage is not strictly a feminine problem. With sufficient funds now available Hamilton should pioneer in this field of marital relations and endow a department in which future heads of American households could be enlightened concerning their domestic duties. Here is one plan which neither Colgate nor Rollins have yet tried. We suggest that the matter be considered at the next faculty meeting.

Eminent lecturers might be brought to the Hill to discuss this pertinent subject. A complete schedule of courses on Marriage should be added to the curriculum. Marriage 1-2, required of all undergraduates, whether they are planning to enter the blissful state or not, would deal with the basic problem, "How to Support a Wife." Marriage 3-4, might discuss the more advanced aspects of the subject such as, "How to Be Happy Though Married," while 5-6 could deal with the increasingly important problem, "Is Reno the Only Way Out?"

The number of faculty members would not necessarily have to be increased to conduct the new courses. Such widely experienced professors in this field as Professors Super, Nesbitt, Gordon, Liedke and Sloane could be drafted into service. Indeed, Professor Super might be named head of the department. The faculty should not delay in meeting this serious deficiency in the college curriculum. After all, we may never again turn to the pages of Latin or Greek or puzzle deeply over a problem in calculus, but even the least of us will some day succumb to this more common affliction.

Former Member of Faculty Is Injured

Dan Chase, once associated with the Physical Education Department on the Hill, was severely injured on Sunday at Norwalk, Connecticut, when he fell from a moving express train. Mr. Chase tried to board the train, but was unable to swing himself aboard. He was dragged for several hundred yards, and he suffered a broken collar bone, internal injuries, and back injuries.

Mr. Chase has for some time been closely linked with various activities here at Hamilton. He was graduated from the University of Maine, and became a member of the Hamilton faculty in 1912. In 1914 he was granted the degree of Master of Science in Course. During this period Mr. Chase coached baseball. He left the college in 1915 after taking the first steps to organize the college athletic policy under a plan similar to that carried on now under Mr. Prettyman's direction.

In the spring of '35 Mr. Chase was in charge of a party of Italian Fascist youths touring this country, and he brought them to the Hamilton campus. The upperclassmen now in college recall the colorful party that bought up the college store's supply of paper banners and picked the slime caps off the heads of various freshmen as they drove off in their bus. Their visit to numerous American colleges, under the leadership of Mr. Chase, was to establish good will between Italy and America, and to observe American collegiate educational systems.

The Musical Art Quartet will play on Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock at the Alpha Delta Phi Hal lin the next concert to be presented by the Musical Art Society. Sascha Jacobsen, violinist, and Marie Rosanoff, 'cellist, two members of the quartet, have already been heard here in concert this season. On Sunday evening they will be joined by Paul Bernard, second violin, and Louis Kievman, viola. A matter of particular interest to the college body is that in this concert the quartet will be assisted by Dr. A. P. Saunders, who will add his viola to the group. The program has not yet been decided upon.

Biology Club Sees Films of Operations

The Biology Club held one of its most successful meetings last Monday evening in the Biology Laboratory. Fifty or more members attended, and every seat in the room was taken. The feature of the meeting was three reels of films of an actual operation. Before these pictures were shown, Jack Sabine '37 read an original paper on "Filterable Viruses", discussing particularly the recent very interesting work that has been done on the tobacco mosaic.

The films were all taken in the operating rooms, and show very clearly every step in the several operations. The first reel showed the putting into place of a floating kidney, by means of sutures. The second and third were also of kidney operations; the second showed the removal of a kidney-stone, and the third the removal of an entire kidney that had been infected with tuberculosis. Dr. Hess commented on the various steps in these operations as the pictures were shown. The films were procured for the Biology Club by Mansfield E. Pickett '40, from a New York doctor.

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FORUM

To the Editor of Hamilton Life:

Many weaknesses have been revealed as the cause of the so-called degeneration of athletic teams at Hamilton. As reasonable as many of these have seemed, it seems to me that one phase of the set-up that has been neglected, and one which is a strong contributing cause to our athletic impotency, is the present status of freshman sports.

Obviously, strong varsities cannot be built, unless the freshman teams from which they will draw their replacements are experienced and competent. Yearling teams cannot develop this ability and experience by scrimmaging one another, and by coming to grips with the varsity from time to time. The effectiveness of such practice wears off after the first few times such opponents are played. Consequently interest lags at meeting the same old styles of play, and the same old faces in the same old courts, or on the habitual playing fields. To keep freshman interest at a high level, to lure larger and more eager squads to report, and to accustom the yearling teams to a variety of styles of play and sundry playing conditions, outside competition must be arranged. Otherwise, the freshman teams will continue to be varsity fodder, playing dispirited sports with no other incentive in mind than a set of numerals, and a continual larrupping from the varsity.

In the vicinity of 25 miles, if a circle were to be drawn on a map around Clinton, are a score or more of high schools that could offer stiff competition for the "slimers" in basketball and football. Many high schools would be glad to schedule the Hamilton frosh, and for such games, the same financial guarantee would hold as supports scholastic contests of the same sort. Teams could be imported to play here, and short trips could be taken by our first year squads. Utica, Sherrill, Rome, Canastota, Oneida, Herkimer, and other places offer unlimited facilities for such contests.

These games could be made to pay for themselves, and there is no reason why they should not do so. The experience gained from these games, the improved spirit and interest in the teams, and the advertising given to the college would more than nullify all the so-called risks that opponents of such plans could muster.

Another factor that ought to be considered here is that of men reporting for freshman athletics being forced to report for physical training. Men practice basketball five times a week, and then are forced to attend three P.T. classes each week. What is true of basketball, is true of every other sport. To excuse men from P.T. and let them offer the yearling sports in place of such exercise, would be a step in the right direction. To permit the frosh to play outside competition would make the feasibility of such excusing of athletes doubly strong.

Strong varsities are not built from weak freshman teams, and strong freshman teams are not welded together by scrimmaging among themselves and against the varsity alone. To secure competent activity against varied offenses and defenses of all sorts, the freshmen should play varied types of the same. Also the freshmen should be given more inspiring competition to look forward to than make-shift interclass opponents and the "old familiar faces" of teammates and varsity foes. The sooner this wekness is realized and corrected, the less evident will be the scoffing and belittling of Hamilton's name in athletic circles.

F. H. D., '37.

Newman Club Holds Monthly Meeting

The Newman Club held its regular monthly meeting on Monday evening at the Emerson Literary Society. There were nine members in attendance, besides Father Morris of Clinton. The feature of the meeting was a paper, read by Walter Cronin '38, on "The Infallibility of the Papacy". Cronin discussed the question thoroughly and in an argumentative manner, his paper being in the form of a brief on the subject. As usual at Newman Club meetings, the reading was followed by a discussion and open forum during which the members were free to ask questions.

At the next scheduled meeting of this body William Collins '39 will read his paper on "The Relation Between Communism and the Church".

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Sophomores Hold Election of Officers

Tomorrow will mark the end of the sophomore class elections with the determining of the class secretary, the other officers having already been elected. They are William Gustave Erickson, Jr., President, and Richard Harry Farrell, Vice-President.

The election tomorrow will be unusual in that there are four candidates, S. R. Gould, L. R. Hole, R. H. Andrews, and F. H. Cunningham, Jr. This condition arose when there were three persons tied for fourth place in the original tabulation of votes. The other candidates for office were H. M. Bramley, M. F. Hilfinger, Jr., and W. J. Roider, Jr. The Neutrals and Chi Psis did not put up candidates.

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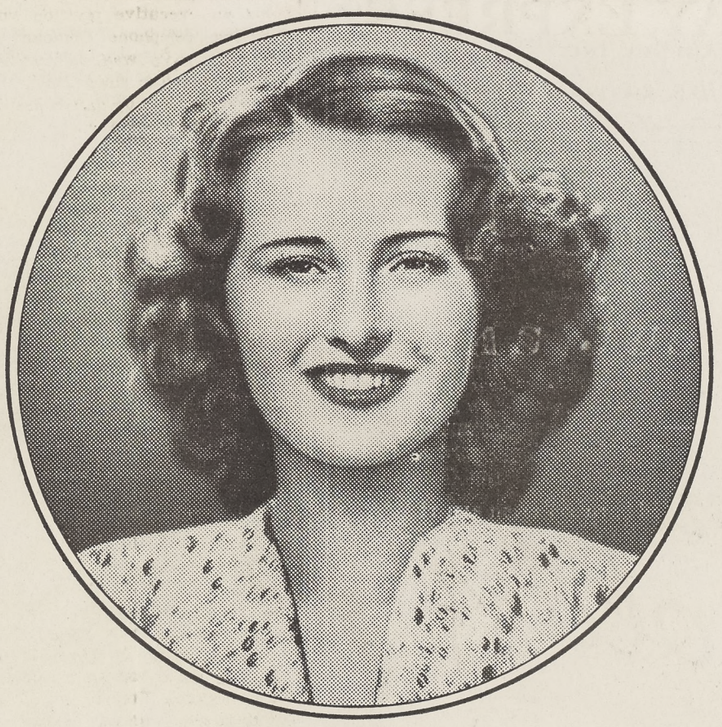

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HOCKEY TEAM TO ENGAGE COLGATE

The Colgate-Hamilton hockey game, which was originally scheduled for early this season but was postponed for lack of ice, will be played on Wednesday night, February 17th.

Colgate won their game with Army 3-2, whereas Hamilton lost 5-1. However, the Clinton Club has defeated the boys from Colgate to the tune of 5-2. Their team has a considerable weight advantage, with some football men on the first string who for all their weight seem to be excellent skaters.

The Hillmen are now wholly back on their feet, Pooley and Jackson are both well again, and the chances for a clean, hard-fought game are excellent.

The probable lineups are are follows:

Colgate		Hamilton
Jones	G	Laux
Dewey	RD	Wilcox
Farmer	LD	Hole
Rose	C	Materne
Brossmes	RW	Pooley
Wheeler	LW	Hayes

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Sport Notes

By Winant Sidle '38

Coach Weber had a field day last Saturday at the Hamilton-Alumni basketball game. No matter who won the game, Mr. Weber could credit himself with the victory because of the fact that he was coaching both of the contending teams. Speaking of field days, the Varsity had one themselves, topping a very rusty Alumni combination with no trouble at all. The Varsity-Alumni swimming meet held in the Sage building that night also proved to be a fairly easy Hamilton victory. Olympic goalie Baker, tending cage for the Alumni, got a raw deal from Fate when he had two teeth automatically removed by one of his opponent's sticks. The Alumni pulled a fast one at the close of the tussle when they abandoned the idea of having a goalie and put six linemen on the ice. This system proved to be a powerful one because it was at this time the Alumni scored their one and only goal.

Last Wednesday, for the first time this season, the Hill pucksters were able to put all their good players on the ice at one time with the result that they won their first victory of the year, and over Union at that. Union has yet to be the conqueror of a Hamilton hockey team. Before the game, Union was all set to break the jinx and give the locals their first licking since the two colleges began to play each other in the sport, but the Continentals seemed to think differently.

ALUMNI HOCKEY—

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substituted for Erickson at defense and Kelley had replaced Laux. The game was marred by a couple of accidents, in one of which Fran Baker lost a couple of teeth as a result of being hit by one of the varsity player's stick in a mix-up in front of the goal, and in the other Thompson of the Alumni suffered a facial injury.

The box score follows:

Hamilton		Alumni
Hayes	LW	Ferry
Pooley	RW	Thompson
Materne	C	McKenzie
Erickson	LD	Hassard
Wilcox	RD	Stevens
Laux	G	Baker

Spares—Hamilton: Guilford, McGinn, Vicary, Rivett, Judson, D'Agostino, Bates, Jones, Kelley; Alumni—MacLean, Scagel, Valentine, Corwin, Crumb, Cutter.

BASKETBALL—

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his own in intercepting passes and breaking up Garnet plays and dribbles.

Wiberly, center on the Union five, proved a thorn in Hamilton's side by sinking many shots from close by the basket and tapping in rebounds. He led the Union scoring with 14 points. Captain Podbielski scored 13 points for the Garnet with Miller running him a close third with 11. For Hamilton, Carmer proved to be the high man with 16 points, the result of six field goals and four foul shots. Gillette was second with eight points.

The lineup:

Hamilton	FG	F	T
Sullivan. f	1	0	2
Towner, f	1	1	3
Carmer, f	6	4	16
Quimby, c	0	0	0
Sprague, c	0	0	0
Gillette, g	3	2	8
Riddleberger, g	2	1	5
	13	8	34
Union	**FG**	**F**	**T**
Podbielski, f	4	5	13
Schultz, f	1	1	3
Doyle, f	0	0	0
Wiberly, c	6	2	14
Brown, g	0	0	0
Miller, g	4	3	11
	15	11	41

Score at half time—Hamilton 16, Union 18. Time of periods, 20 minutes. Referee, Risley.

The Hamilton-Hobart lineup:

Hamilton	FG	F	T
Sullivan	5	2	12
Masters	0	0	0
Carmer	1	0	2
Towner	1	0	2
Sprague	4	1	9
Wells	0	0	0
Roider	0	0	0
Riddleberger	5	0	10
Quimby	0	0	0
Gillette	3	1	7
Ellison	0	0	0
	19	4	42
Hobart	**FG**	**F**	**T**
Miller	2	0	4
Dioro	0	0	0
Bowling	4	0	8
Erickson	1	0	2
Hoge	2	0	4
Britt	0	3	3
Dickson	2	0	4
Bootay	2	1	5
Henry	0	0	0
	13	4	30

Scoring: First Period, Materne, unassisted; second period, Materne, unassisted, third period. Materne, unassisted; fourth period, Thompson.

History Club Will Trail Lost Dauphin

On August 10, 1792, the second son of Louis XVI and of Marie Antoinette was seized and confined in the prison of the Temple and given into the keeping of a brutal cobbler named Simon, between whom and the Committee of Safety the following conversation took place:

"What is to be done with this young wolf. Carry him away?"

"No."

"Kill him?"

"No."

"Poison him?"

"No."

"What then?"

"Get rid of him!"

Simon, acting to the letter upon these instructions, tried to break the Prince's constitution and destroy his mind. It is undisputed that the Dauphin was a prisoner until June 1, 1795 and subject to filth, foul air, beatings, and harsh treatment. After this, the court maintained that he died in the Temple June 8, 1795. But the court's assertion has always been very much doubted and much speculation has centered about the question: "What happened to the Dauphin?"

On Friday evening, February 19, Dr. T. Wood Clark, speaking upon Eleazer Williams, will attempt to answer this question for the benefit of the History Club and interested friends and students. The meeting will be held at Professor Bonham's home on Griffin Road. A time announcement will be made in Chapel Friday morning.

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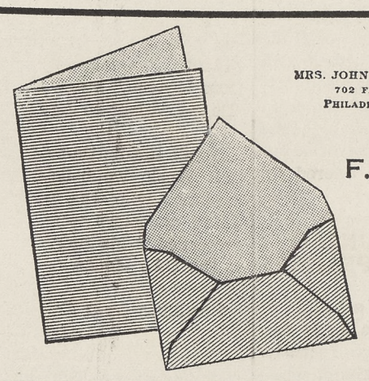

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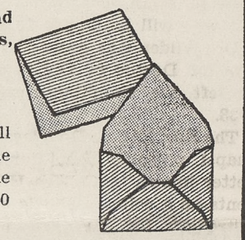

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